

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

EDWARDS et al.

U.S. National Phase of PCT/EP98/06047

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For: SELECTIVE MONITORING OF TRITIUM-CONTAINING  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present application is the U.S. national phase of international application number PCT/EP98/06047. The following amendments pertain to the claims as amended.

Please note that the amended pages 18-24 attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report (Annexes) and submitted herewith, have replaced the originally filed pages 18-24 of the application. The claims to be examined and amended by this preliminary amendment are found on amended pages 18-24.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please add the attached ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE to the application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 3, line 2, please cancel "or 2".

Claim 5, lines 1 and 2, please cancel "any preceding claim" and insert - -claim

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